

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made and discussion that follows.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the subject matter of canceled claims 3, 4 and 5, the latter having been modified to eliminate the material objected to by the Examiner under Sec. 112.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected over GEMMA in view of ZIEGLER, 35 U.S.C. 103(a), in which regard the Examiner has stated that GEMMA "fails to show a pair of four-wheel trucks guided by a track with curved holders" whereas Ziegler shows "guiding drawers with two four-wheel trucks". Claim 1, the only independent claim in the application, has been amended herein not only to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 4, but also to delineate the precise manner in which the curved holders of the present invention continuously contact, (1) the outer peripheral edge of each roller, and (2) opposite outer adjacent sidewalls of the peripheral edges. In this manner, the rollers cannot be moved laterally within the track of the curved holders and become undesirably jammed or disengaged from one another. In this regard, note that GEMMA (FIG. 11) on experiencing any roller or axle wear can result in the outer parts of the rollers frictionally engaging the track walls with undesirable results. Also, the rollers of GEMMA (FIG. 11) have flat peripheries with only the axle bearings to resist lateral translation. ZIEGLER (FIGS. III, IV) show support of the rollers 13 at the

circular outermost periphery and perhaps some outer edge support, but not on the facing edge portions of the rollers. It is submitted that lack of roller lateral securement of ZIEGLER reduces reliability and can be a source of failure over extended use. Allowance of independent claim 1 is accordingly urged, as well as claims 5, 6, and 7 dependent upon claim 1.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of claims 1-7 to pursue in this application, 35 U. S. C. 121.

For all of the above reasons, all of the claims remaining in the application are submitted as allowable and an Action to that end is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1.(Amended) In a multiple drawer storage cabinet assembly having overhead tracks from which [the] drawers are suspended and along which the drawers can be moved from storage within the cabinet to a location externally of the cabinet enabling access to the drawers, the improvement comprising:

each drawer including an outer support frame with a top member;

first and second roller apparatus secured to the top member in spaced apart aligned relation for receipt within a hanging guide having a stanchion, a pair of axles mounted to the stanchion, a pair of rollers mounted on each axle [one at each side of the stanchion] and the two axles arranged parallel to each other, the two rollers, one of each pair, on one side of the stanchion and in the same rotational plane, each said roller having a continuously curved convexly extending peripheral edge; and

a generally U-shaped hanging guide with two arms spaced apart sufficiently to receive a pair of mounted rollers therebetween, the guide arms lower edge portions [being] formed [toward] facing each other [providing] to provide curved holders along which a pair of rollers can move and hang therefrom, said curved holders continuously contacting the peripheral edge of each roller and adjacent opposite side portions of the peripheral edge.

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CLAIMS 1 and 5

5. (Amended) A storage cabinet assembly as in claim 1, in which a stop arm is secured to a stanchion outwardly along the path of drawer movement away from the rollers for engaging the drawer and providing a limit of drawer movement.